

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by

FINAL DECISION

Jason Goode,

Complainant

against

Docket # FIC 2024-0491

Angel Quiros, Commissioner, State of
Connecticut, Department of Correction; and
State of Connecticut, Department of
Correction,

Respondents

April 9, 2025

The above-captioned matter was scheduled to be heard as a contested case on February 27, 2025, at which time the respondents appeared, but the complainant failed to appear.

The complainant, who is incarcerated, was scheduled to appear for the hearing in this matter via teleconference, pursuant to the January 2004 memorandum of understanding between the Commission and the Department of Correction. See *Anthony Sinchak v. Freedom of Info. Comm'n*, Docket No. CV 03-0826293, Superior Court, J.D. of Hartford at Hartford, Corrected Order dated January 27, 2004 (Sheldon, J.). The hearing officer notes that, pursuant to established protocol, she contacted Officer Colby at the Corrigan Correctional Center via telephone and requested that Officer Colby connect the complainant to the call for the hearing in this matter. Officer Colby stated that when he went to retrieve the complainant for his scheduled hearing, the complainant stated that he was choosing not to attend the hearing.

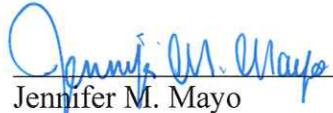
Additionally, the hearing officer notes that Attorney Jennifer Lepore, counsel for the respondents, appeared at the hearing with a witness. Specifically, it is noted that Attorney Lepore appeared with Counselor Supervisor Secore, the Freedom of Information Administrator for the respondent State of Connecticut, Department of Correction. Attorney Lepore represented that the respondents provided all responsive records to the complainant. In addition, she represented that she had spent time preparing for the hearing, which included reviewing the file, communicating with the witness and counseling her clients.

The following order by the Commission is hereby recommended on the basis of the record concerning the above-captioned complaint:

1. The complaint is hereby dismissed for failure to prosecute.

2. The complainant is admonished for his failure to appear at the hearing in this matter, which failure resulted in a waste of scarce state resources.

Approved by Order of the Freedom of Information Commission at its regular meeting of April 9, 2025.



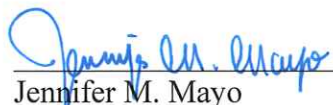
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PURSUANT TO SECTION 4-180(c), G.S., THE FOLLOWING ARE THE NAMES OF EACH PARTY AND THE MOST RECENT MAILING ADDRESS, PROVIDED TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION, OF THE PARTIES OR THEIR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE.

THE PARTIES TO THIS CONTESTED CASE ARE:

JASON GOODE, #228240, Corrigan Correctional Center, 986 Norwich-New London Turnpike, Uncasville, CT 06382

ANGEL QUIROS, COMMISSIONER, STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION; AND STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION, c/o Attorney Jennifer Lepore, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction, 24 Wolcott Hill Road, Wethersfield, CT 06109


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